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ITALY MAKES FIRST PUBLIC STATEMENT ON PRESENT CRISIS

FLOOD DISASTER IN AMERICA HUGE AREAS TOTALLY SUBMERGED 700,000 PEOPLE ISOLATED

Pittsburgh, To-day.

The disastrous floods in Western Pennsylvania have invaded Pittsburgh, flooding the famous downtown section known as the "Golden Triangle," and virtually isolating 700,000 people. The waters of the River Allegheny have risen to the unprecedented height of 44 feet.

Fires have added to the confusion, and fire-fighters are battling with water and flames in an effort to save the factories from destruction. The death roll is mounting every hour, and thousands of terror-stricken people in the metropolitan area have been rendered homeless.

Fires have broken out in factories at Etna and Lawrenceville following explosions caused by the flood waters. The oil tanks at the Waverly oil works, Lawrenceville, exploded with a deafening roar.

New York: The flood disaster is the worst of its kind in America in the past century. Thousands of square miles of the Eastern States have been submerged, the damage running into millions of dollars. At least 34 people are dead, of whom 12 are in Pennsylvania, which is the worst hit.

WORK RELIEF IN AMERICA

Huge Appropriations
Asked For
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO
CONGRESS

Washington To-day.

President Roosevelt has asked Congress to appropriate \$1,500,000,000 for work relief during the next Governmental year, beginning on July 1. In a message to Congress President Roosevelt reviewed the unemployment situation, proposing that the new funds should go entirely to the work's progress administration.

"The trend of re-employment is upward, but this trend, at the present rate of progress, is inadequate. I propose therefore that we ask private business to expand its operations so as to absorb an increasing number of unemployed. If the employment gains are substantial enough no additional appropriation will be necessary in 1937."

In requesting the \$1,500,000 President Roosevelt noted that over a billion would be spent from the Treasury prior to the appropriations, while the budget contained \$600,000,000 for various public works and the Civilian Conservation Corporations. Consequently the gross projected relief outlay would approximate \$3,100,000,000.

SIGNIFICANT STATEMENT
In appealing to business to take up employment President Roosevelt significantly said: "While the provisions of the

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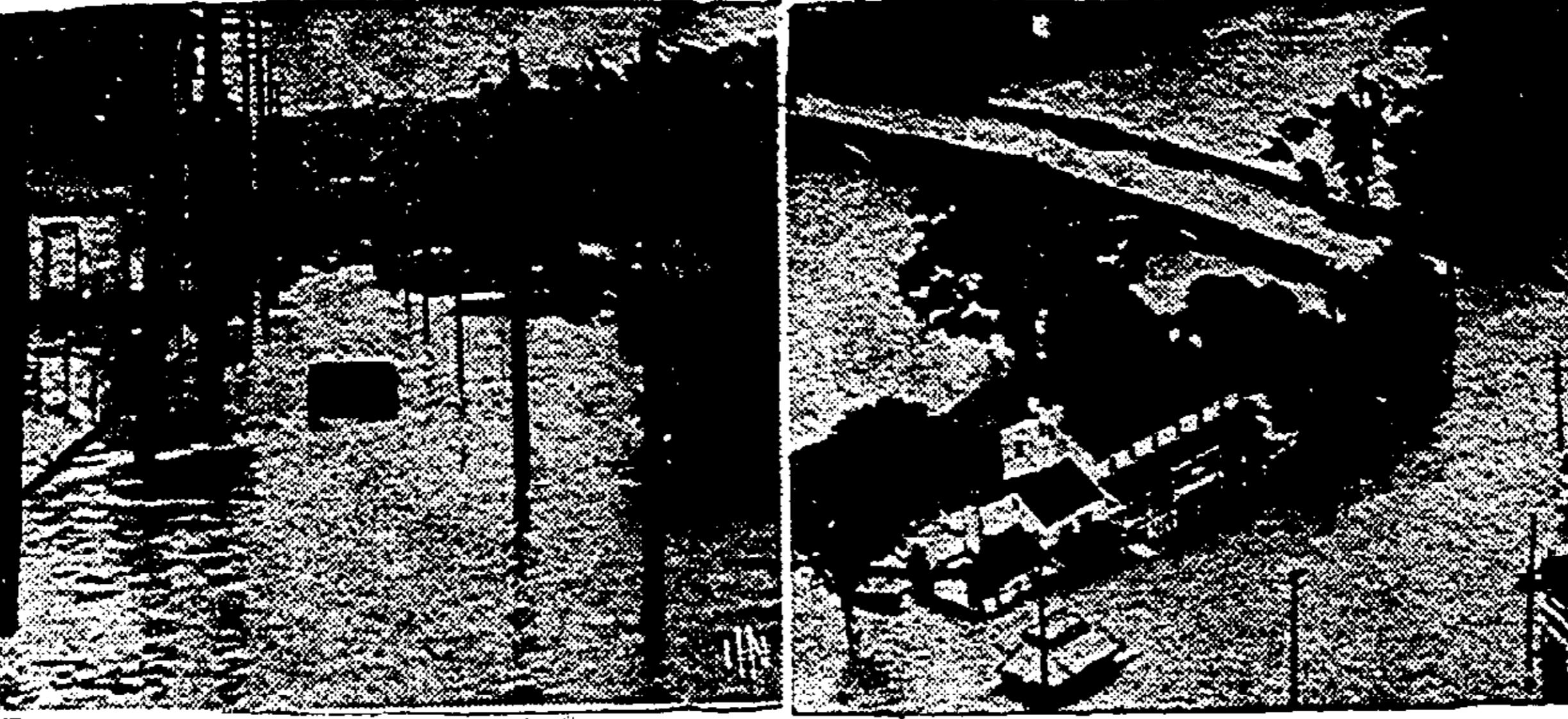
EXPLOSION ON DESTROYER

ONE KILLED AND 10
INJURED

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announced that while the destroyer Westcott was carrying out exercises in the Mediterranean an explosion occurred, resulting in the death of one able-bodied seaman. One warrant officer and nine ratings were injured, but are in no immediate danger.

The injured men were landed at Gibraltar and taken to hospital. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.



Our pictures, taken on the occasion of the last serious floods in New York and Pennsylvania, give some idea of the widespread damage and inconvenience that can be caused by these visitations. The photograph on the left was taken at Manayunk when the Schuylkill River flowed out of bounds, showing a truck trapped by the flood. The photograph on the right is an air view of a Collegeville hotel partly under water when Pennsylvania was last flooded.

PROTEST BY ITALY

ABYSSINIANS AMAZED

Military Action As "Inhuman Act"

HEAVY FIGHTING REPORTED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Three-quarters of the great Bethlehem Steel Works is under water and 30,000 people in Wheeling, Virginia, are homeless as a result of the rise in the Ohio River, which has reached its highest flood level in history.

The Quehoning Dam in Pennsylvania is leaking and is likely to break at any moment. The Susquehanna River is in spate and hundreds of people at Binghamton are evacuating their homes after fruitless efforts to stem the rising water by sandbags. Thousands more along the river are working feverishly barricading houses.

Everyone has been ordered to leave home in the Farmington Valley, Connecticut. Many localities are isolated in Vermont, Connecticut, and the river has been transformed into a raging torrent and is still rising. A huge ice floe is jammed against the Vermont Dam, causing fears that it will burst. — Reuter.

SPANISH ARMY CONDITIONS

No Preparation For "Coup d'Etat"

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day. The persistent rumour that the army is contemplating a coup d'etat were emphatically denied in a statement published yesterday by the War Minister, who stressed that the discipline and loyalty of the army to the Government is completely preserved in the whole army, from the privates to the highest officers.

The Government, however, having observed that some officers in the last few days had been subject to unjust attacks, took this opportunity to declare that the officers and men of the Spanish army have nothing to do with the political controversies and deserve the respect and appreciation of their fellow-citizens for their loyalty and spirit of self-sacrifice.

Since the members of the armed forces constituted the surest support of the Republican State, only the criminal intention to undermine their morale could be the motive for the circulation of the rumours, and the Government would proceed with the full strength of the law against persons found guilty of such treasonable action. — Trans-Ocean Service.

HIDDEN PLANES BOMBED

Rome: The official war bulletin No. 158 states that two Abyssinian aeroplanes of the "Potez" type have been discovered by Italian airmen on the Ciolla Amadir plain, south of the Lake Ashangi, despite the fact that they had heavily camouflaged against observation.

Disregarding the violent fire from anti-aircraft guns, continues the report, the Italian pilots descended to a low altitude, from which they bombed and destroyed the enemy planes.

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FIRE AT POKFULAM

Three engines from the Central Fire Station answered a call from No. 218 Pokfulam Road this morning at about 9.45 a.m., but on arrival found that the disturbance, a small fire in the servants' quarters, was almost under control and only a few minutes were needed to eliminate any danger.

AMNESTY FOR LEADER OF SYRIAN REVOLT?

French High Commissioner To Make Plea

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL Jerusalem, to-day. Before leaving for France, the French High Commissioner, M. de Martel, promised to try and persuade President Lebrun to sign a decree of amnesty for the banished leader of the revolt of 1936, Druse. — Trans-Ocean Service.

ACCIDENT TO PLANE

Forced Down Among Mountains

SEVERE INJURIES TO ONE PASSENGER

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL Vienna, To-day.

The passengers of the Vienna-Rome plane which was forced to make an emergency landing on the mountains of the Carinthian Alps, were brought to Eberstein Railway station by the rescue party yesterday, and from there to Klagenfurt. When medical services were obtained it was found that, contrary to the first reports, the injuries were more serious than had been supposed, one passenger, an Italian travelling businessman from Rome, suffering from concussion of the brain and head wounds and a broken jaw, the wireless operator from a broken leg, and the pilot and the mechanic from injuries to the limbs. The only person quite unhurt was the second passenger.

After being rescued from their precarious position, the party related that they had suffered agonies during the night spent in the dark in the smashed aeroplane, all huddled together for warmth and not knowing whether help was on the way.

All the injured were conveyed to the Klagenfurt infirmary for medical attention. — Trans-Ocean Service.

STOP PRESS

Shanghai, To-day.

Two Japanese officials have gone to Wenchow, Chekiang, to investigate the alleged anti-Japanese activities of the local authorities, who are stated to be blocking the efforts of Japanese shipowners to re-open stores which have been closed down since the Mukden incident. — Reuter.

SANCTIONS UNLIKELY

FRENCH STAND ALTERED?

Alleged Abandonment Of Demand

ORGANISED ACTION DEEMED IMPOSSIBLE

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day. The only concrete development of the situation in London, as reported by the papers here, is that as far as one can speak of a change in the French attitude at all, it is in the abandonment of the plan that sanctions should be applied against Germany. The French delegation clearly realises, in face of the opposition, not only by Britain but by a great many other States, the impossibility of organising any such action against Germany, states the press here.

Considerable space is devoted to the general outlines of the plan, which it is said the French delegation will put forward to settle the whole cluster of the Locarno problems, but whether it runs parallel to the British plan referred to in the English press or is entirely independent is not indicated.

M. Jules Sauerwein in the *Paris Soir* confirms that a change in the French attitude has taken place, declaring that the juristic scruples and inner political allusions were dropped, so that the whole attention might now at last be concentrated on the problem of making Europe secure. — Trans-Ocean Service.

Hitler's Address At Koenigsberg

"I MUST STILL FIGHT FOR GERMANY"

Koenigsberg: The ancient East Prussian capital was in high spirits all day yesterday in anticipation of Herr Hitler's visit to address the nation on the outskirts of the Reich.

"I must still fight for Germany, not because I am ferocious, but because I am convinced that there is no other way," the Chancellor said.

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NAVAL PARLEY PROGRESS

London, To-day. Excellent progress has been made with the drafting of the agreements reached at the Naval Conference, and covering definitions and qualifications, and hopes are entertained that the texts may be finally approved early next week.

— British Wireless Service.

"EUROPEAN PEACE IS INDIVISIBLE"

NO PARTICIPATION IN SANCTIONS LOCARNO UNITY MUST BE UPHELD

London, To-day.

After a brief luncheon adjournment the Locarno Committee resumed its search for a formula to circumvent the conflicting French and German viewpoints over the Rhineland occupation. As a temporary measure during the negotiations Britain proposed:

(1) A zone on both sides of the Franco-German frontier policed internationally, like the Saar during the plebiscite;

(2) The reference of the Franco-Soviet Pact to The Hague Court for a ruling as to whether it has violated Locarno.

It is taken for granted that a western air pact will be included in the peace structure at subsequent negotiations, but at present it has not entered the picture. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

RELAXATION OF TENSION

"Notable Progress" Announced

OUTCOME OF LOCARNO CONFERENCE

London, To-day.

The Locarno Conference, which began at the Foreign Office at 10 a.m. yesterday, ended at 2.30 p.m. today. A communiqué states that it examined the draft general agreement subject to reservation in certain items, which require further examination. Notable progress was made.

The Locarno Powers will meet again to-day to arrange the details, but nothing definite can be done before the meeting of the British Cabinet, and no decision will be taken without the approval of the French Government.

There was a very definite relaxation in the tension this morning.

THREE POINTS

Later: It is learned that three points in the draft agreement reached by the Locarno Powers are:

(1) There will be an appeal to The Hague Court for a decision with regard to the compatibility of the Franco-Soviet Pact with Locarno;

(2) There will be a demilitarized zone only on the German side of the frontier, policed by an international force;

(3). There will be agreement with regard to collaboration between the British and French General Staffs.

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NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

Sir D. Somervell Appointed

London, To-day.

Sir Donald Somervell, O.B.E., K.C., has been appointed Attorney-General. — Reuter.

Sir Donald has been Unionist Member of Parliament for the Crewe Division of Cheshire since 1931 and Solicitor-General at Harrow and Magdalen, Oxford.

He emphasised Italy's perfect understanding of France and Belgium's legitimate anxieties. He deplored the violation of Locarno all the more because it had been made by a great Power whose cooperation was essential for the maintenance of peace.

"Our duty is to see the unity of the Western Powers."

He concluded: "European peace is indivisible, and the methods for preserving it must be indivisible, otherwise Europe will become an armed fortress."

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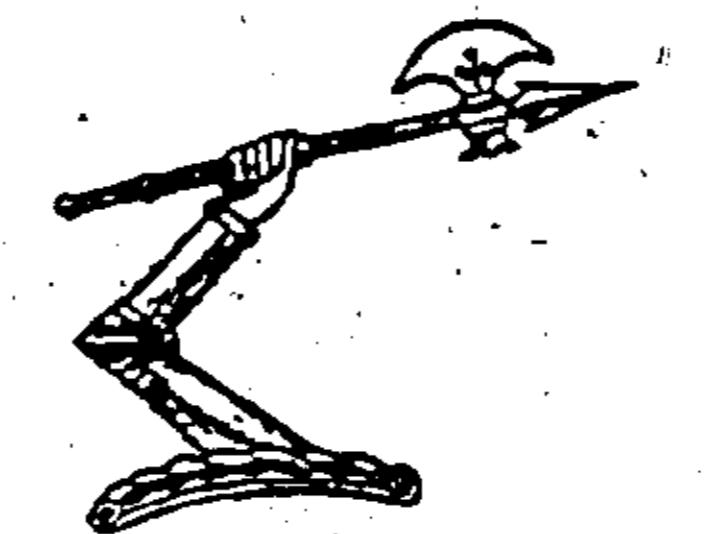
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THE REGISTER OF DEBENTURES will be closed from MONDAY, the 23RD MARCH, to MONDAY, the 30TH MARCH, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of DEBENTURES can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

O. EAGER

Secretary. Hong Kong 10th March, 1936.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1936, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1935.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March 1936, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. Hong Kong, 6th March, 1936.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1936, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 30th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

E. COCK, Chief Manager. Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

CHINESE ESTATES LIMITED THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor) Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 2nd April, 1936, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending 29th February, 1936, and of electing two directors and an auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th March to the 2nd April, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

FUNG PING FAN, Director & Secretary. Hong Kong, 17th March, 1936.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on WEDNESDAY, 8th April 1936 at noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th March, to 8th April, 1936, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD., General Managers. Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"BREAK OF HEARTS" — KING'S THEATRE

Really soul-stirring love scenes have been enacted for the camera between Katharine Hepburn and Charles Boyer in this picture.

While Boyer, idol of the French stage and screen, has been hailed as one of the great lovers of films, Hepburn has never before been cast in a role that offered her so great an opportunity to display her talent for romantic love.

"She combines the fire of an Oiga Nethersole with the repartee of a Duse," said Philip Moeller, director. "I am amazed at her emotional range, from the most intense, lyric abandon to the most subtle nuances." He declares that for beauty and power he does not believe that Hepburn's love scenes with Boyer ever have been duplicated on the screen.

"Break of Hearts" tells the story of a young composer who marries a famous maestro, but leaves him when she believes that her love is no longer necessary to him. His plunge to the depths of despair and his regeneration through her love make an enthralling picture. It is a Pandor-S. Berman production for RKO Radio.

THE GOOSE AND THE GANDER" — QUEEN'S THEATRE

Kay Francis and George Brent play the leading roles in this comedy drama involving an unique love tangle.

The plot involves the theft of both hearts and jewels, is set in a very gay atmosphere and carries with it some very exciting situations. The story centres round the plot of a divorced wife to get even with the pretty blonde who stole her husband's heart. She lures the second wife and her escort, with whom she is planning a trip to the mountains while her husband is away on business, into her lodge, where they are compelled to spend the night. At the same time she invites her ex-husband to visit her.

Under one roof and with a robber and his gang in the same house there ensues many lively, exciting and embarrassing situations which culminate in a surprising climax.

Included in the cast are Genevieve Tobin, John Eldridge, Claire Dodd, Ralph Forbes, Helen Lowell and Gordon Elliot.

"SILVER STREAK" — ORIENTAL THEATRE

In this picture railroading is in a bad way, but the railroad president rejects with contempt the advanced ideas of a young college engineer that are designed to revolutionise the industry.

The revolutionary idea is a streamline, Diesel-powered train that weighs no more than an ordinary Pullman car. It is designed for great speed with safety.

Rejected by the president, Tom Caldwell, a young mechanical engineer, takes his plans to the president of the locomotive works. The latter is a man of middle age and he sees the logic of the plan, but he too, is afraid of its radical features.

Appearing in the picture are Sally Blane, Charles Starrett, William Farnum, Theodore von Eltz, Edgar Kennedy, Irving Pichel, Hardie Albright and Doris Dawson.

"THANKS A MILLION" — ALHAMBRA THEATRE

With Dick Powell and Ann Dvorak heading the featured cast, the new Darry F. Zanuck production presents Fred Allen, Patay Kelly, and Paul Whitman and his Band, with Ramona Rubinstein and his violin, Raymond Walburn and the Yacht Club Boys in the supporting cast.

The story, adapted from the screen by the versatile Nunnally Johnson, is that of a wildcat amusement troupe, dashing about the country under the not-so-benign guidance of Fred Allen.

About the romantic problems of Powell and Miss Dvorak, with Margaret Irving playing the other woman, the love interest revolves.

The hit tunes in "Thanks a Million" include "What a Beautiful Night" and "I've Got a Pocket Full of Sunshine," sung by



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Sporting Page

ARMY BEAT NAVY 2 TO 1 IN TRIANGULAR HOCKEY TOURNEY

S. CHINA "B"
WIN

SAINTS PLAY WELL DESPITE BIG HANDICAP

Leonard Injured And Fernandes Sent Off

DRAW FAIRER RESULT

A very scrappy game between South China "B" and St. Joseph's in the premier division of the soccer League yesterday resulted in a win for South China by 2 goals to 1.

St. Joseph's were without the services of Leonard at centre-forward for most of the game—he retired shortly after the commencement with an injury to his hip, and an unfortunate incident resulted in Fernandes being sent off the field 15 minutes before the final whistle. Though St. Joseph's were left with only nine men a draw would have been a better result.

George Tsang opened the scoring for the Chinese within the first five minutes, though the shot would have been saved had U. Souza moved a little quicker.

Cheuk Shek-kam increased their lead with a well-directed kick from a centre by Yeung Po-hui.

The Saints' half-back line were mainly responsible for the opportunities which their forwards failed to grasp, and perhaps the result would have been different had these three played in the inside position.

St. Joseph's monopolised the play during the last five minutes and from 25 yards L. Souza completely beat Wong Wah-kai to decrease the arrears.

South China "B":—Wong Wah-kai; Yee Hing-yuen, and Lee Kam; H. Young, Lam Tak-po, Yau Wah-hing; Yeung Po-hui, Lei Shiu-wing, G. Tsang, Cheuk Shek-kam and Yeung Shui-yick.

St. Joseph's:—U. Souza; L. Souza and Costa; Woo, Hussain and Elms; Lee, Ward, Leogard, Joanhio and Fernandes.

UNIVERSITY WIN

Blake Scores Decider Against S. China

In an uninteresting Second Division soccer game at Caroline Hill yesterday the University beat South China by a goal scored by Blake early in the second half.

The University were slightly the better team and had their forwards showed more steadiness in front of goal they would have won comfortably. Blake was the only forward who attempted any shooting, though the approach work of the other forwards was at times good. Ong and Lopez were safe at back, the latter being prominent with some hard kicking in the latter stages, while Lim dealt with the few shots he was called upon to save with confidence.

The Chinese were best served in defence by Chun Yung Chi-chin, centre-half, though he was inclined to hold on to the ball too long at times. Kam Sik-wai was the best of the forwards, one of his first-time efforts going very close.

After a goalless first half, Blake broke through on his own soon after the interval to beat Tang with a hard ground shot.

University:—Lim, Ong and Lopez; Lee, Gore and Teoh; Tan, Liaw, Yung, Blake and Tang.

South China:—Tang, Sik-keng; Fung Choi-po and Ching Pak-wing; Su Kit-man, Yung Chi-ching and Kwok Yan-iai; Lee Pui-ling, Tse Fu-li, Tan Li-sin, Kam Sik-wai and Lo Wing-hon.

EUNICE'S YACHTING WIN

The Sweepstakes Race for Mixed Classes over a distance of 3.3 miles held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday resulted in a win for Eunice (Mr. F. C. Anthony), who finished ahead of Lobo



Peter Fick, of the New York Athletic Club, is just a record breaker when it comes to swimming, even when he himself holds the mark. In an exhibition at Yale University pool to raise funds for the Olympics, Fick splashed his way to a new mark of 56.4 seconds for 100 metres.

NAVY WIN OVER LYEMUN

Roberts Scores Twice On Slippery Ground

GUNNER FORWARDS AT FAULT

(By "ROVER")

Adapting themselves better to the wretched weather conditions that prevailed at Causeway Bay yesterday the Navy beat Lyemun by 3 goals to 1 in their First Division soccer encounter.

Wolverson and Beard were never too sure in their clearances and if the Gunner forwards had followed up oftener they might have scored.

Rose, the Navy inside-left, held on to the ball far too long and spoiled many good moves in consequence.

WILD CAT'S FINE FINISH

GOOD RIDING BY MR. DEITZ AND MR. LIANG

MIRACLE WILL BEAR WATCHING

(By "Rapier")

FEATURED by fine but dull weather, with the sun making a welcome appearance during the latter part of the day, and marked by a few upsets, the First Extra Race Meeting attracted a satisfactory attendance last Saturday. All the events were keenly contested, the outstanding performance of which was undoubtedly Wild Cat's (Mr. Liang) brilliant last quarter rush in the Tytam Handicap ("A" Division) which enabled him to win by a neck from the unbeaten Rose Evelyn. Mr. Liang displayed good judgment and determination assisted by a generous application of the whip. Mr. Deitz's handling of King's Lead in the Hongkong Handicap ("B" Division) was also a noteworthy achievement.

Although somewhat firmer, the track was still on the soft side, and suffered again in conse-

FATHER AND SON AS PARTNERS

RECREIO "B" BEAT FIRE BRIGADE

BADMINTON LEAGUE

E. L. Shute was partnered for the first time by his son, Kenneth Shute, in the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night, when Club de Recreio "B" defeated the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 5 games to 4 at King's Park.

H. A. Barros and N. Beltrao were the only pair to win all their three games.

Detailed results of the match were as follows:—

A. E. Xavier and A. Remedios (Recreio "B") lost to A. L. Fisher and J. L. Anderson 22-24.

beat G. Williams and L. D. Skinner 21-9.

lost to E. L. Shute and K. L. Shute 9-21.

A. Basto and A. Alves (Recreio "B") lost to Fisher and Anderson 21-21.

beat Williams and Skinner 21-6.

lost to H. A. Barros and N. Beltrao (Recreio "B") 22-24.

beat Fisher and Anderson 24-22.

beat Williams and Skinner 22-0.

beat Shute and Shute 21-17.

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

P. W. L. F. A. Pts.

Elliot Hall "A" 16 16 10 8 32

E. R. C. 18 14 4 10 4 28

Recreio "B" 13 12 1 29 19 24

St. Andrew's "A" 15 11 4 24 5 22

Elliot Hall "B" 16 11 5 23 43 22

Fire Brigade 13 10 3 69 32 20

Recreio "B" 17 8 9 63 78 16

St. John's 15 7 8 69 75 14

V.R.C. 14 3 11 38 79 6

Kowloon Tong 18 2 16 44 100 4

St. Andrew's "B" 18 2 16 30 97 4

S. and S. Home 17 1 16 20 134 2

Competing In International Soccer Cup

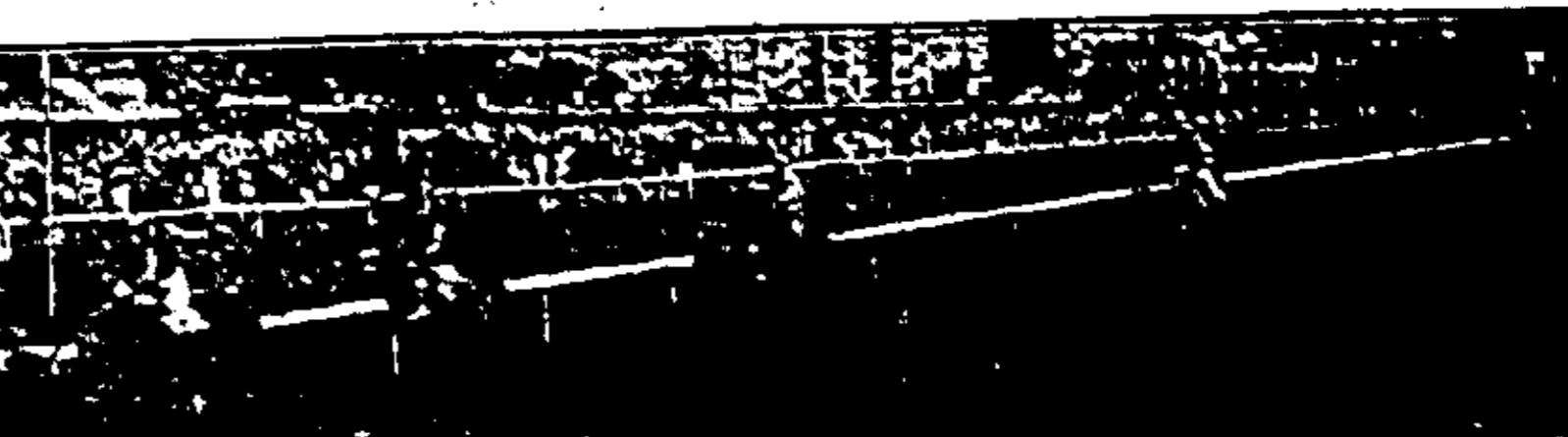
VINCENT COSTA, the St. him but was occasionally seen at left-half.

The following season, when the Saints were runners-up in the Senior League, Costa could not get a place in the half-back line, but was played on the left-wing, in

In 1931 he played for the Saints in the Third Division, both at centre-half and inside-left. He was promoted to the senior team the following year and played in the pivotal position throughout the season. When N. Beltrao joined St. Joseph's in 1933 he was forced to play second string to

(Capt. N. Sydall): The third vessel was Painted Lady, which was sailed by Major F. C. Booty.

VINCENT COSTA



King's Bounty (Mr. Davis), which was sold for \$580 at yesterday's pony roup, is here shown beating King's Fancy (Mr. Heard), which was withdrawn from yesterday's auction, in the Wyndham Handicap on October 10, 1934.

\$580 FOR KING'S BOUNTY

LOW PRICES FEATURE FIRST PONY ROUP OF SEASON

OVER a hundred people attended the pony roup at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley, last evening when a number of well-known racers were offered for sale. King's Bounty, that grand campaigner which has won \$14,473 in stake money since he started racing in 1930, fetched the best price, Mr. K. W. Fung, the Novice rider, paying \$580 for him.

King's Fancy was withdrawn from the sale, while the gallant Sadko changed hands for \$360. Mayflower, Lion-Hunter, Tummel, Silver Streak, Southern Cross, and Popular Star were others that were also withdrawn from the sale.

The following were yesterday's sales:—

Name of Pony Price New Owner
Heart's Glory \$85 Mak Chai
Partnership 60 Mak Chai
Gold Jubilee 30 Mak Chai
Gold Eagle 110 W. T. Stanton
Merry Time 180 F. B. Williams
King's Bounty 580 K. W. Fung
Foxbridge 160 Young Wing

Peter Davey 180 Capt. F. Clarke
Silver Linings 95 Mak Chai
Zenith 290 W. T. Stanton
Trojan 190 Professor W. L. Gerrard

Supercharge 150 E. L. Hosie
Canberra Girl 200 Professor W. L. Gerrard

Not So Dusty 100 Mak Chai
Devon 60 Mak Chai
Public Hero No. 1 170 Capt. T. B. Clarke

Gold Dragon 210 Dr. L. Reidy
Silver Fox 170 N. Bosanquet
Solar Star 95 Mak Chai
Saucy Face 260 H. C. Pih
What A Chance 270 Li Po-chun
Lancashire Loom 160 Capt. T. B. Clarke

Sadko 360 A. Bower
Ideal Bay 110 Mak Chai
Yellow Fish 110 Mak Chai
Able Warrior 160 Mak Chai
Gaga 80 Mak Chai
Lazy Lady 160 Lumburg Shiu

Yesterdays Results

Open Singles (Second Round)
Tennie Kwok beat Lee Wai-tong 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
In Tak-cheuk beat K. T. Kwik 6-2, 6-1.

S. A. Gray beat Leong Ping-chiu 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Open Doubles (First Round)
G. Lai and G. Chang beat J. C. Poole and R. Henry 6-0, 6-3.

M. K. and M. W. Lo beat G. E. R. Divett and B. O'M. Deane 6-3, 6-2.

A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios beat P. F. McCabe and D. E. Carey 6-1, 6-1.

A. W. Hamsey and G. C. Burnett beat M. Pagh and Lt. Comdr. Conway 1-6, 6-3, 9-7.

TO-DAYS TENNIS

GOSANO FAVOURED

But Milne Capable Of Big Things

PAUL KONG AND LAI SHOULD WIN WITH EASE

(By "BASE-LINE")

The First Round of the Colony Tennis Singles Championship will be concluded this afternoon when Capt. J. D. Milne, the Services' leading representative, meets A. V. Gosano, the Recreio champion.

Gosano is undoubtedly the stadier of the two, but Milne is capable of rising to great heights. On a wet court, however, I favour Gosano's chances, despite his comparatively weak returns.

In the only other Open event Paul Kong and Lai Kwong-tsun should encounter no difficulty against E. Butherford and A. T. Ley.

To-day's programme, commencing at 4:45 p.m., is as follows:—

Open Singles (First Round)
Capt. J. D. Milne v. A. V. Gosano

Open Doubles (First Round)
E. Butherford and A. T. Ley v. P. Kong and Lai Kwong-tsun

Club Handicap Singles (1st Round)
A. C. I. Bowker (scr.) v. G. S. Gamble (scr.)

A. K. Mackenzie (scr.) v. Capt. Cragg (scr.)

L. G. Robertson (scr.) v. W. Wooding (scr.)

Club Handicap Doubles (1st Round)
P. Henry and D. A. O'Kieffe (+1/6)

V. R. R. and T. J. Prior (-2/6)

J. N. Grace and J. Smalley (-4/6)

J. E. Richardson and E. F. Buttress (-4/6)

L. G. Robertson (scr.) v. W. W. McKenzie and D. S. Robt. (+2/6)

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LT. DAVIES BRILLIANT

LAST-MINUTE DECIDING GOAL BY M. AF SAR

LAL SINGH HELD IN CHECK

WILLIAMS SHOWS GLIMPSES OF BEST FORM

In one of the fastest hockey matches seen for many a long day, the Army beat the Navy by the odd goal in three in the Triangular Hockey Tournament on the Marina ground yesterday.

The Army, who were lucky to have won, have Mohamed Af Sar to thank, for it was this player who flicked the ball into the net to give them victory a minute before the end, although the Navy thoroughly deserved to win on the run of play.

Fast and even exchanges were the order of the day with the Navy having slightly the better of what there was going. They played together like a team and it was in this department that they outshone their opponents. The best man on the field was, without the shadow of a doubt, Lt. Davies, the Navy right-half, whose spoiling and distribution was flawless. Indeed it was he who checked many threatening Army moves. Playing opposite him, Lal Singh, the brilliant Army and Interport left-winger appeared almost a novice.

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TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
NAVY	4	2		

CLASSICAL RECORDS

J3179—Serenade (Tuselli)	Concert Orch.
Serenade (Schubert)	
J7343—Blue Danube (2PTs)	Sym. Orch.
J1626—Simple Aria	Yvonne Curti (Violin).
Serenade (Tuselli)	
J1730—Spring Song	Angelus Octet.
Nocturne (Chopin)	
J5050—Hungarian Dances	Halle Orch.
No. 5 & 6	
4234—Tales of Hoffmann	Squire Octet.
Salut d'Amour	
3470—Traumerie	Squire Octet.
Humoresque	

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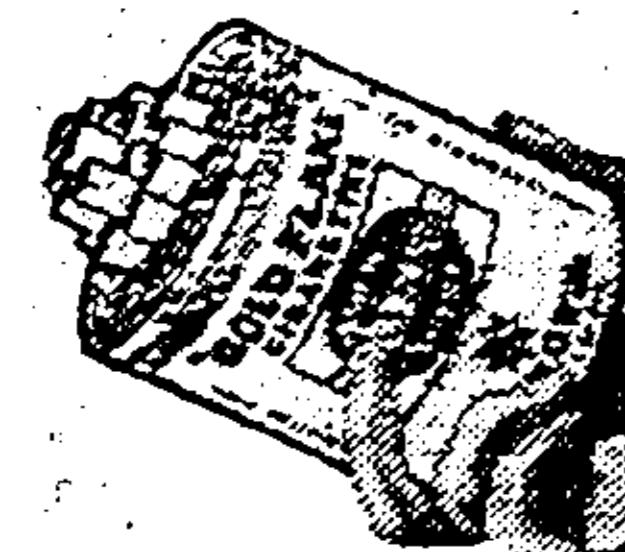
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FOOTBALL FORM GUIDE

A comprehensive guide to the form of all Clubs in the four premier English Football Leagues and the premier Scottish League will be found in the appended table. To assist in comparing the teams, details of how they have fared in their last five matches are given.

The letters W, L and D indicate matches won, lost and drawn, respectively. Games played at home are shown in capital letters, while away games are denoted by ordinary type. The figure in brackets denotes the position held by that team at the conclusion of last season, an asterisk denotes that that team has been promoted, and a dagger that that team has been relegated.

First Division

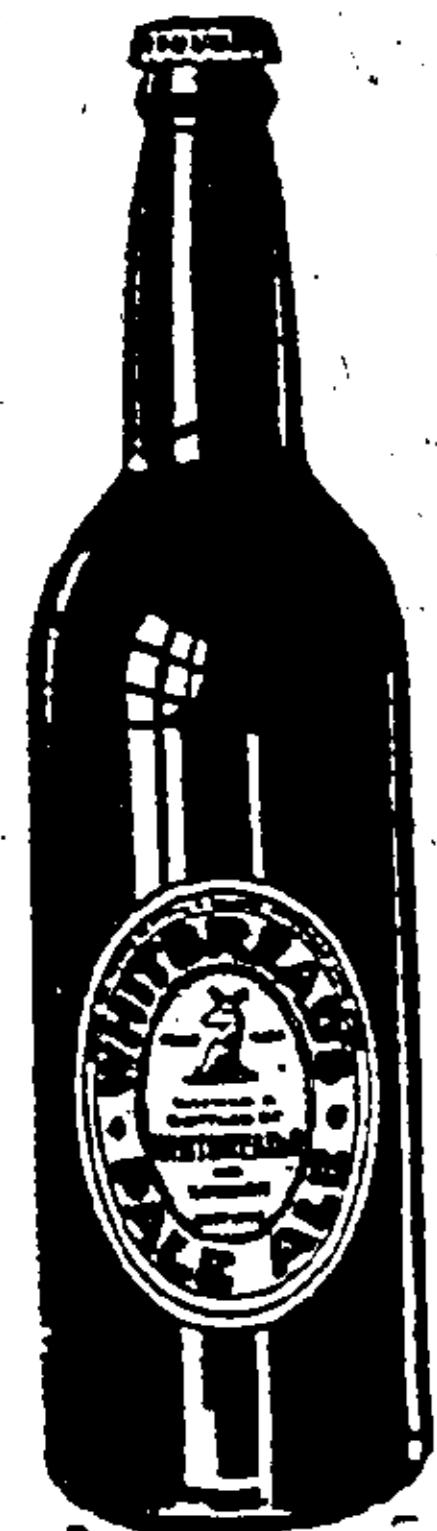
HOME		AWAY		HOME		AWAY	
	Goals	Goals Pts	Pts	Goals	Goals Pts	Pts	
Sun'land (2) DWD	33 17 14 1 2 26 24 39	16 7 5 4 30 23 18 45	43	33 17 14 1 2 29 26 32	17 6 5 4 24 33 16 41	41	
Had'feld (16) LDWdW	33 16 10 1 2 23 16 25	15 6 5 4 19 15 14 29	41	33 18 11 3 4 44 14 25	15 5 6 4 19 15 14 29	41	
Derby (6) DDLdW	33 18 11 3 4 44 14 25	15 5 6 4 19 15 14 29	41	33 16 8 3 5 29 17 21	16 5 6 5 18 21 15 36	36	
B'ham (19) WWWdW	33 16 8 3 5 29 17 21	16 5 6 5 18 21 15 36	36	33 15 7 4 4 33 18 18	16 6 6 4 20 19 16 34	34	
Stoke (10) DWdW	33 15 7 4 4 33 18 18	16 6 6 4 20 19 16 34	34	33 15 9 4 3 31 16 22	17 4 9 4 21 33 12 33	33	
Arsenal (1) WLWdI	33 15 9 4 3 31 16 22	17 4 9 4 21 33 12 33	33	33 16 3 3 19 23	15 3 10 5 16 24 9 32	32	
M'nter C. (4) IdW	33 16 3 3 19 23	15 3 10 5 16 24 9 32	32	33 16 7 4 4 22 16 18	15 3 7 5 17 27 11 29	29	
Plymouth (14) DwL	33 16 7 4 4 22 16 18	15 3 7 5 17 27 11 29	29	33 17 11 3 4 27 16 24	15 2 9 5 13 26 8 32	32	
Preston (11) DWdW	33 17 11 3 4 27 16 24	15 2 9 5 13 26 8 32	32	33 19 11 3 4 29 26 32	14 1 9 5 13 26 8 32	32	
Liverpool (20) DWdW	33 19 11 3 4 29 26 32	14 1 9 5 13 26 8 32	32	33 17 10 5 2 41 16 22	16 4 11 1 23 32 9 31	31	
W'sday (3) DWdWd	33 16 8 3 5 33 22 21	15 2 9 5 13 26 8 32	32	33 15 8 3 5 32 22 19	15 2 6 4 18 35 11 30	30	
"Bottom" (3) DWdW	33 15 8 3 5 32 22 19	15 2 6 4 18 35 11 30	30	33 15 11 2 2 42 18 24	17 2 13 2 13 13 40 6 30	30	
Wolves (17) DWdW	33 15 11 2 2 42 18 24	17 2 13 2 13 13 40 6 30	30	33 17 8 3 6 43 23 22	16 1 9 5 23 47 8 30	30	
Everton (2) DWdW	33 17 8 3 6 43 23 22	16 1 9 5 23 47 8 30	30	33 17 7 4 4 22 16 18	15 3 7 5 17 27 11 29	29	
Leeds (18) LdL	33 17 7 4 4 22 16 18	15 3 7 5 17 27 11 29	29	33 17 12 1 2 22 16 18	15 3 7 5 17 27 11 29	29	
Chelsea (12) IdW	33 17 12 1 2 22 16 18	15 3 7 5 17 27 11 29	29	33 17 11 3 4 26 24 15	8 3 16 20 11 23	23	
W. B'wich (9) WIWI	33 17 11 3 4 26 24 15	8 3 16 20 11 23	23	33 17 10 5 2 43 22 18	22 3 11 1 21 39 7 29	29	
Brent'f (4) DWdW	33 17 10 5 2 43 22 18	22 3 11 1 21 39 7 29	29	33 17 9 3 5 38 18 21	15 3 10 5 16 26 37 8 30	30	
Grimbsy (5) IWDD	33 18 9 3 5 38 18 21	15 3 10 5 16 26 37 8 30	30	33 16 9 4 3 25 17 21	17 1 12 3 17 15 56 5 26	26	
Blackn (15) DdWdW	33 16 9 4 3 25 17 21	17 1 12 3 17 15 56 5 26	26	33 17 5 7 5 39 39 15	16 5 9 2 23 45 12 26	26	
A. Villa (13) DwWdW	33 17 5 7 5 39 39 15	16 5 9 2 23 45 12 26	26				

Second Division

HOME		AWAY		HOME		AWAY	
	Goals	Goals Pts	Pts	Goals	Goals Pts	Pts	
"Chalton" (—) IWWdW	33 19 13 1 5 42 16 31	14 4 6 4 20 25 12 43	43	33 19 13 1 5 42 16 31	14 4 6 4 20 25 12 43	43	
Ste'd U. (11)							
WWDDd	33 17 12 1 4 42 22 28	17 5 7 5 24 27 15 43	43	33 17 12 1 4 42 22 28	17 5 7 5 24 27 15 43	43	
W. Ham (3) WWW	33 17 11 2 4 33 17 26	16 7 5 2 26 35 16 42	42	33 17 11 2 4 33 17 26	16 7 5 2 26 35 16 42	42	
Mrster U. (5) WWWdW	33 16 11 2 3 40 14 25	15 6 6 3 17 19 15 40	40	33 16 11 2 3 40 14 25	15 6 6 3 17 19 15 40	40	
Tham' (3) DDDdW	33 17 10 2 5 45 23 25	15 5 7 3 28 23 15 38	38	33 17 10 2 5 45 23 25	15 5 7 3 28 23 15 38	38	
"Lister" (—) IWWdW	33 16 12 1 3 44 15 27	16 4 9 3 22 25 11 38	38	33 16 12 1 3 44 15 27	16 4 9 3 22 25 11 38	38	
Plymouth (8) DLWdW	33 17 12 3 2 28 18 26	16 3 8 5 16 21 11 37	37	33 17 12 3 2 28 18 26	16 3 8 5 16 21 11 37	37	
Fulham (7) WLWdW	33 16 9 2 3 36 18 23	15 3 7 4 15 27 10 33	33	33 16 9 2 3 36 18 23	15 3 7 4 15 27 10 33	33	
Blackpool (3) IWWdW	33 16 10 3 3 47 20 23	17 4 11 2 22 31 10 33	33	33 16 10 3 3 47 20 23	17 4 11 2 22 31 10 33	33	
D'caster (—) WLWdI	33 15 8 1 4 27 18 24	16 4 11 1 20 23 9 33	33	33 15 8 1 4 27 18 24	16 4 11 1 20 23 9 33	33	
Ne'castle (—) LdWdW	33 15 8 1 4 27 18 24	16 3 8 4 25 33 10 32	32	33 15 8 1 4 27 18 24	16 3 8 4 25 33 10 32	32	
Bury (10) WWWdW	33 15 8 1 4 27 18 24	16 3 8 4 25 33 10 32	32	33 15 8 1 4 27 18 24	16 3 8 4 25 33 10 32	32	
Notts. F. (9) WLWdW	33 15 9 4 4 45 15 22	17 3 11 3 26 18 11 31	31	33 15 9 4 4 45 15 22	17 3 11 3 26 18 11 31	31	
Norwich (14) DWdW	33 15 9 4 4 45 15 22	17 3 11 3 26 18 11 31	31	33 15 9 4 4 45 15 22	17 3 11 3 26 18 11 31	31	
"Brad'f" (15) LIWdW	33 15 9 4 4 45 15 22	17 3 11 3 26 18 11 31	31	33 15 9 4 4 45 15 22	17 3 11 3 26 18 11 31	31	
Sampton (19) IWIW	33 15 8 6 3 30 19 16	16 2 8 3 6 11 27 10 29	29	33 15 8 6 3 30 19 16	16 2 8 3 6 11 27 10 29	29	
Swansea (1							

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The Proof Of The
Pudding

The proof of the pudding, as the little boy in the story remarked, is not so much in the eating as in the way you feel afterwards. By this criterion Great Britain, as she looks back over her record since the gloomy days of the autumn of 1931, has good reason to thank her lucky stars for a number of things. The first of them is that semblance of democracy which enables her to escape the "godsend" of a dictatorship; the second is probably the circumstance, for which a heartfelt sigh of relief can be offered, that the country has escaped the tinkering experimentation of the faddists, cure-all quacks and "economic experts" who would all apply their own remedies for the country's ills. At various times a most bewildering array of panaceas has been offered, ranging from "Social credit" through rationalisation, nationalisation and the A plus B theorem, to just plain grabbing of wealth from the "Haves" and re-distributing it among the "Have Nots." In the course of all this the whole system of capital—not capitalism, as the faddists call it—has come in for a great deal of criticism; the wisdom of Britain's abandonment of the gold standard has been decried to the high heavens; tariffs have been attacked; systems of protection derided and the early descent of the country into Avernum freely predicted. The actual result is that the financial position of the country is sounder to-day than it has been for years. There has been no spectacular advance; but a steady recovery has marked the final accounts of Great Britain in an ever-ascending scale since the National Government took over in September 1931.

The latest returns issued show that the total ordinary revenue, excluding self-balancing items, with just over two more weeks before the end of the financial year, amounted to £709,719,376, as compared with £681,558,585 at the corresponding date of 1935 and with a budget estimate of £734,470,000. Compared with an estimated expenditure for the whole year of £755,053,000, the ordinary expenditure at the same date amounted to £710,063,292. The figures mean that the financial condition of the country is more than sound; it is almost phenomenally good in a world where unbalanced budgets are the rule rather than the exception.

A detailed analysis of one month's trade figures may not be out of place here. In the statement for January 1936, published recently by the Board of Trade, the activity in the manufacturing centres was reflected in an advance of £2,610,524 to £22,416,693 in imports of raw materials, compared with January 1935. The largest individual increase was under the heading "Wool, raw waste and cotton rags," amounting to £668,394, while the other increases ranged from £108,318 for "Non-ferrous ores" to £602,240 for "Raw cotton and cotton waste." Among the export items, export of beverages and cocoa preparations rose by £287,850 to £1,047,237, while undressed hides and skins also showed a big increase, the total being £197,421 against £51,729. Exports of "Other textile materials," which include artificial silk, yarn and piece goods and linen goods, rose by £125,566 to £1,336,399. These figures were returned in

EXPLANATION
OF TO-DAYS
CARTOON

Church In A Glass Case

AN interesting relic of old colonial days in Pennsylvania is the 200-year-old church at Hershey, enclosed within a glass-walled superstructure. The glass case is intended to preserve the building along with its contents as a relic of early days in America. The building is the original used by the congregation of Derry Church, one of the first Christian settlements in Pennsylvania, and is of log and clapboard construction. Among other antique items it contains a communion service presented by the King of England in 1783, and the pulpit of the original Derry Church, built in 1730.

CORRESPONDENCE
AN APPEAL FROM
YORKSHIRE

To the Editor, "China Mail": Sir.—The close business connections between the City of Hong Kong and Bradford have caused many former Bradfordinians to settle in your district, and it may be of interest to them to know that the scheme for a new Grammar School is now well in hand and that building operations will definitely start this year.

The School which is an ancient foundation dating back to the reign of Charles II is practically without endowments and receives no grant from the Corporation. The present building is dingy, cramped and altogether unworthy of an institution which has sent its sons to occupy prominent positions, especially in the Wool Industry, in most countries of the world.

£140,000 is needed to carry out our plans, and of this amount about £100,000 has already been raised thanks largely to the generosity of Mr. H. P. Price, who recently gave £20,000 to the Building Fund.

This letter is written in the hope that it may meet the eye of some Bradfordian whose affection for his native city may prompt him to share in the task of raising the remaining £40,000 and thus identify himself with a Scheme which will influence the lives of many generations of Yorkshire boys in the future.

D. HAMILTON.
Chairman, Building Appeal Committee.
Bradford, February 18, 1936.

Despite of the operation of sanctions against Italy, which accounted for prodigious drops in both the import and export figures. Imports of textiles, for instance, dropped from £84,777 in January 1935 to nil; exports of coal dropped from 416,800 tons to 11,227; iron and steel from £23,044 to £4; various foods from £29,038 to £1,750.

The whole position seems to be a reflection of increased activity in manufactures and trade, coupled with an increased purchasing power among the population—an increased turnover in work and money, in short. There is more work available in Britain than there was a year ago, and there are more people participating in it. This is surely something for the country at large to be proud of.

Nobody in his senses suggests that everything is right in the best of all possible worlds in England, or that our system is inviolable and unchanging in its perfection. But there is obvious evidence that it is working reasonably satisfactorily. There is not the slightest shred of evidence that the other political and economic systems being tried out in other parts of the world have anything like the stability of ours to offer. One is safe in saying this, even to ignore the social factor completely. Actually, of course, general conditions of life and work in Britain are almost fantastically Utopian, compared with those obtaining in Russia and Italy, for example. In short, the proof of the pudding is not so much in the eating as in the way you feel afterwards. And Britain has a perfect right to feel good.

Here
There
and
Everywhere.

THE TRADE OF BOOKS

Mr. Ted Weeks, editor-in-chief of the *Atlantic Monthly*, has written a book entitled "This Trade of Writing."

It deals among other things, with publishers' profits and authors' earnings. Mr. Weeks gives figures showing the effect of the depression on the publishing business in the United States.

In 1933 American publishers sold 84,000,000 books to the general reader. From 1929 to 1933 the volume of copies distributed shrank as follows: Fiction 55 per cent, children's books 33 per cent, biography 47 per cent, fine arts books 70 per cent, and religious books 61 per cent.

Perhaps as a direct result of depression books on sociology and economics showed an advance of 40 per cent.

AUTHORS' EARNINGS

Mr. Weeks's figures of authors' earnings will destroy some budding hopes.

A few writers, perhaps one per cent of their tribe, he says, earn approximately £15,000 a year. Twelve per cent of the writing profession may earn £3,000. The remaining 87 per cent range between £160 and £1,000.

In 1934 there were 15 authors whose books sold 50,000 or more copies in the United States. Some of these were Book of the Month Club selections.

Mr. Weeks gives a best-sellers' list of books published in America between 1933 and 1933. The first three in the list are Sheldon's "In His Steps" (3,000,000 copies), Gene Stratton Porter's "Freckles" (2,000,000) and Wallace's "Ben Hur" (1,950,000).

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Foreign complications became something of a worry to statesmen. The lamented death of King George saddened the spirits of the nations. An unauthorised strike among London meat workers and a narrowly averted stoppage in the coalfields further frightened timid souls. But actually the prospect at this moment is rosy.

Uncommonly Good

The overseas trade figures for last year sent us well back to the heights after our years in the depression.

When our invisible exports—payments for shipping, insurance, and other services, and the returns on our foreign investments—are calculated for 1935 they will be found, all experts agree, to be uncommonly good.

And behind these cheering factors is the continuance of a boom in home industry that will be sustained.

Pessimists may say that the boom in private building must soon approach its apex. It may be so, but whatever diminution there is in private building will be more than counteracted by the increase in public expenditure on building.

State-aided road and rail schemes and municipal extensions will far more than com-

Money Circulates

In addition to the large sums granted for rail and road development, the State will shortly be paying out £3,000,000 or £4,000,000 a week for armaments.

Those who bemoan this as a deadweight on the taxpayer forget that by the system of taxation under which we live that expenditure is largely returnable. High income tax and indirect taxes make the money circulate like water in a whirlpool.

We are not living under the simple fiscal systems of Pitt and Gladstone. The whole effect of Government expenditure has changed.

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VIOLENT ATTACKS ON HIGH COST OF LOCAL CIVIL SERVICE

IMPOSING ARRAY OF FACTS

"GOVT. MUST CUT COAT ACCORDING TO CLOTH" IMMEDIATE RETRENCHMENT URGED

Various proposals of a far-reaching nature, designed to influence the Government to cut its coat according to its cloth in the matter of the local civil services and said to be unanimously supported by the Unofficial Members, were included in the speech by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo in introducing his motion before the Legislative Council this afternoon "that in the opinion of this Council the Colony cannot afford to maintain so large and costly a Civil Service as now exists, and that the Government should take immediate steps to effect all possible retrenchments in the same."

Mr. Lo marshalled an imposing array of facts in support of his contention, his main point being that far too many civil servants are engaged at expensive sterling salaries when their positions might be filled without loss of efficiency by locally-engaged men on dollar salaries.

The motion was supported by a strong speech by the Senior Unofficial Member of the Council, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, in which the speaker deplored the fact that the Government, in framing its budget, had omitted to fix exchange forward for all its sterling commitments for 1936.

In introducing his motion the Hon. Mr. Lo said:—

"Your Excellency.—In rising to move the Motion which stands in my name, I crave that indulgence of this Council which I know will readily be accorded to a new member attempting his maiden speech, and this indulgence is all the more necessary because I fear I will have to take up some 20 minutes of this Council's valuable time in saying what I desire to say in support of this Motion.

"The view asserted by the terms of my Motion is that the Colony cannot afford to maintain the existing Civil Service, and I will at once proceed to set out shortly the grounds on which this view is based.

"It might have been thought at one time that one of the alleged differences between public and private finance is that, whilst in private finance outlay must be gauged and conditioned by income, in public finance the reverse is the case, in that after the expenditures are fixed it is the duty of the Legislature to provide the revenues. But this alleged difference is generally regarded as illusory and unsound because the State, like the individual, must in the long run cut its coat according to its cloth, and persistent violation of this principle must eventually entail the same consequences, alike for State and individual. I unhesitatingly accept the validity of this principle.

Present Position

"What, then, is the present financial position of the Colony?

The Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, as Acting Colonial Secretary, in the course of his extremely able and lucid Budget speech on September 12, 1935, after stating that it was anticipated that the estimated revenue for 1936 would be about a million and a half behind the 1935 revised figures, summed up the position as follows:

As a result of all these economies the gap between Revenue and Expenditure has been considerably reduced but with the dollar rate taken at 1/8d., which seems a prudent figure, there will still be a deficit, after allowing for the surplus balances as mentioned, of about \$830,000. The exact figures are Revenue \$26,671,845 plus Surplus Balances (in excess of \$10,000,000) \$2,095,789 = total \$28,767,624. Expenditure \$29,598,148.

"Pausing here I should like to state that, in my humble opinion, the normal revenue of just over \$26,500,000 must be regarded as representing the cloth according to which the Government must cut its coat, for I do most respectfully agree with the views recently expressed as to the inability of the Colony to stand the strain of extra taxation, and particularly by Dr. R. H. Kotewall, who spoke in the last Budget Debate as the Senior Unofficial Chinese Member of this Council, that the Colony is already taxed to capacity, if not beyond it, and any new tax burdens may be the last straw."

Normal Figure

"I therefore take the figure of \$26,671,845 as representing the

approximately \$23,500,000 'available expenditure' (of which nearly \$5,500,000 is earmarked for Public Works Extraordinary), the sum of over \$14,000,000 is spent on salaries; in other words, 60 per cent. is spent on salaries, leaving the sum of just over \$9,500,000 to cover the whole cost of Civil Administration, including Social Services and the thousand and one items of essential public expenditure.

"Need I say more to show that the existing Civil Service is too costly for the Colony to bear? Is it an exaggeration of language to say that, unless this crushing burden of salaries is substantially reduced, all hopes of effecting substantial improvements in the Colony must indefinitely be relegated to the realm of fanciful dreams?

Intention To Retrench

"I am aware that the Government has, year after year, expressed its intention to retrench. For instance, during the Budget Debate in 1931 His Excellency Sir William Peel said:—

When I came here, I was impressed by the large number of European staff, particularly in the subordinate grades. Steps are being taken to replace some of these gradually by local officers, though it is a step which must be taken with caution. The Government is ready to give local recruits every chance, and it will be for them to prove that such confidence is not misplaced. This policy can only be followed if local recruits prove that they possess the necessary integrity and efficiency. If they fail to do this, they and the Colony cannot complain if we have to revert to the system which has obtained hitherto. The matter lies in their hands. (Hansard, page 181).

In the Budget Debate in 1934 His Excellency Sir William Peel said:—

We are, however, carrying out a scheme of a local branch of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Staff and are endeavouring to train local sanitary inspectors. Further, I hope that it may be possible to train local nursing sisters and so reduce the large number of sisters recruited from England, as a matter of mere 'hope' and 'possibility,' in view of the fact that Hong Kong annually produces scores of nurses qualified according to the presumably high and exacting standard set by the Government. In any case I venture to enquire what is the practical outcome of the deliberations between His Excellency and the Hon. the D.M.S.S.? According to the Estimates for 1936 there are 50 nursing sisters on the General Nursing Staff on Sterling pay which, at Exchange 1/8d., amounts to \$162,031. With a lower rate of Exchange and with the stipulated annual increments, this amount must, of course, substantially increase year by year.

"From information given to me

by those who have had actual experience I know that the skill, care, solicitude and devotion bestowed by these nursing sisters on their patients are beyond praise and cannot be measured in terms of any currency. Good nursing is indeed priceless. I gladly and

gratefully record my sincere humble tribute to them. But I submit that the financial condition of the Colony renders the carrying out of Sir William Peel's project a matter not only of expediency but of urgency.

Some Particular Posts

"I understand that the present holder of the position of Secretary to the Hon. the Director of Public Works draws over \$1,000 a year. I gladly concede this gentleman's exceptional ability and that he is worth this pay. But the point is: Is it really necessary to employ such a high salaried man for this post? I may remark that this salary is higher than that now paid to many experienced professional men in the Service, such as doctors and solicitors.

"Is it a fact that a Sterling man

is employed as Librarian of the Library at the C.S.O. and if so,

this is necessary?

"Is it really necessary to have

so many Europeans on Sterling basis on the staff of the C.S.O.?"

or, with so many Cadet Officers in that Office, to have a Chief Clerk at a salary of \$1,050?

"Can we really afford to have

a special Sterling officer as Official Anæsthetist who, I understand, will shortly join the Medical Department? Surely it would have been much more economical to have engaged a doctor graduated from the University of Hong Kong, and to have sent him to undergo a special course of training in Anæsthetics.

Medical Department

"The published figures show that the expenses of the Medical Department rose from \$502,000 odd in 1924 to \$1,505,254 in 1934, and to \$1,661,378 in the Estimates for 1936, of which \$1,160,634 represent personal emoluments. No one can possibly have a higher admiration than I have for the services rendered by my Honourable friend the D.M.S.S., but apart from matters like the Children's Clinic, Venereal Clinics, Medical Services in the New Territories, the medical facilities and the general medical and public health standard in the Colony improved to such an extent as to merit an extra annual expenditure of over a million dollars.

"Employers should be entitled to terminate a contract of service,

when the figures for 1934 and 1936 are compared? In my case,



The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, above, made a slashing attack this afternoon on the Government's policy of engaging expensive sterling-salaried men in the civil services, when local men might be engaged without loss of efficiency.

can the Colony afford it?

"To what extent are the increased Hospital and other Medical facilities offered by Government made use of by those who can afford to pay reasonable charges for the same? And, to the extent indicated above, are not such facilities merely competitive with those offered by private practitioners? I venture to suggest that questions such as those indicated above should engage the immediate attention of the Government.

Police Forces And Pensions

"Again, I yield to none in my admiration and respect for the Police Force, but are all the numerous Assistant Superintendents of Police really necessary? I should very much like to know how many Assistant Superintendents we had, say, 15 years ago.

Then, look at the Pension figures.

"The amount of Pensions paid in year rose from \$503,000 odd in 1924, to the sum of \$1,110,000 in the Estimates for 1936. I do not know whether the Government has ever obtained actuarial assistance in computing the potential liability of the Colony for Pensions in respect of the existing Civil Establishment, but I shudder to think what this figure will be, say, in 10 years' time, as the Pensions payable already amount to nearly \$2,000,000 a year!

"In my submission what the Government should do is to attempt to tackle the present financial position by business methods: in other words, by taking stock of the whole financial position and adjusting its expenditure in relation to its income, or probable income, for the present, and the years to come. To introduce the wholesale reduction in the salaries of civil servants avowedly as a temporary measure is at best a makeshift arrangement which cannot afford a final solution.

Limits Of Capacity

"It may well be that too sudden or too drastic a reduction in personnel must necessarily impair to some extent the existing high efficiency of the Administration.

"But just as it would be suicidal for a business concern to strive to attain the ideal of efficiency without taking due heed of bankruptcy, so I submit Government must restrict its cost of Adminstration within the limits of the Colony's capacity to pay.

"I submit therefore that the Government should not engage any more persons on a Sterling basis without consulting this Council: that no vacancy should be filled without similar consultation; that facilities be given to all officers recently recruited and not absolutely indispensable to leave the Service without subjecting the Colony to any liability to pensions, and that a real effort be made to utilise local talent, such as qualified doctors from the University of Hong Kong, etc. But in this connection I would like to make one suggestion.

"Irregular Practice"

"For the sake of the reputation of the Government Service bribery or other irregular practice must be stamped out, and I venture to think that all new men employed should be engaged on the clear and distinct basis that their service is to be terminated if the Governor in Council, after enquiry, should be of the opinion that their continuance in office is detrimental to the interests of the Colony. Indeed, I consider that this rule should apply to the whole Service.

"Can We Really Afford To Have"

"I say this because, to my mind, and having regard to local conditions, it is quite futile to expect that, generally speaking, such evidence of bribery or corruption will be forthcoming as will secure a verdict of guilt in a Court of Law. I do not see why, when the Government wishes to dispense with the services of an undesirable employee, there should be required

the same proof of guilt as would

secure a conviction in a Court of Justice.

All servants of the Government

should know that they

must be above suspicion of any

corrupt practice, and I cannot see

why they should be retained if the

Governor in Council, after careful

enquiry, should have reasonable

ground for thinking that such

practice has been committed, even

in the absence of such proof as

is necessary in a Court of Justice.

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be confused.

Grossly Overpaid

"To my mind the Civil Service is not only overstuffed, but in many individual cases grossly overpaid, and I feel that until this fundamental defect in Administration has been remedied, it is a matter for regret that it should be necessary to call upon all the civil servants to bear a sacrifice which, no doubt, works great hardship in individual cases. And this regret is all the greater when we

recall that this necessity would

not have arisen this year if the

Government had only acceded to

the unanimous and urgent busi-

nesslike request of the unofficial

members—about which I under-

stand my Honourable friend, the

Senior Unofficial Member, will

speak to fix Exchange forward for

all the 1936 Sterling commitments.

Moreover, until this defect is re-

medied the Government obviously

is not in position to find the nec-

essary money for various necessary

projects. For instance, malaria is

still rampant in the Colony, and

I would like to see half a million,

or even a million, dollars devoted

in one year to eradicating this

disease. But salaries having ab-

sorbed over \$14,000,000, where is

the money to come from?

"I apologise for the time I have

taken up this afternoon.

"I beg to move the Motion stand-

ing in my name, and respectfully

commend it to the consideration of this Council."

Sir Henry Pollock's Speech

UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF UNOFFICIALS

In seconding the motion the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Senior Unofficial Member, said:—

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GENERAL MANAGERS' REPORT

In the Report of the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., which will be presented at the forthcoming meeting on Friday next, it is stated that the 1934 account shows a surplus of \$662,910.82, and it is recommended that this sum be appropriated as follows:

To pay a Dividend of \$11 per share \$440,000.00
To add to Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account 100,000.00
To add to Reinsurance Fund 122,910.82

The balance at the credit of the 1935 Account is \$153,167.76.

CHARTERED BANK TO PAY DIVIDEND

At the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, the Directors will recommend a final dividend at the rate of 14 per cent per annum, subject to income-tax. £50,000 will be added to the Pension Fund: £23,000 written off the Premises Account; and £81,037 16s. 1d. carried forward, according to a telegram received by the local office of the Bank from the head office in London.

COLONY'S TRADE

Official Statistics For Imports And Exports

An interim report issued by the Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department on the trade of the Colony for February, 1936, states that imports of merchandise amounted to a total of \$30.3 millions (£2.0 millions), as compared with \$28.8 millions (£2.6 millions) in February, 1935; a dollar increase of 5.2 per cent and a sterling decrease of 23.1 per cent; whilst exports totalled \$24.9 millions (£1.6 millions), as compared with \$20.6 millions (£1.8 millions); a dollar increase of 20.8 per cent and a sterling decrease of 11.1 per cent.

Total imports during the first two months of the year 1936 amounted to \$64.1 millions (£4.1 millions) as compared with \$63.1 millions (£5.6 millions) in the corresponding period of 1935; whilst exports amounted to \$48.5 millions (£3.1 millions) as compared with \$47.4 millions (£4.2 millions).

In terms of local currency imports increased by 1.6 per cent in period of 1936 as compared with the first two months of 1936 as compared with the corresponding period of 1935, and exports increased by 2.3 per cent; whilst sterling values showed decreases of 26.8 per cent in the case of imports, and 26.2 per cent in the case of exports.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone has decreased slightly in intensity and has spread southward. Pressure is highest over Shantung, and is relatively low over Indo-China. South-east winds, fresh; cloudy with drizzle or mist, probably improving later, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

The s.s. *Sixdhana* will leave for Shanghai via ports to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

DAIRY FARM MEETING

HIGHEST STANDARD OF MILK PURITY PROUD RECORD ACHIEVED

SPECIAL reference was made in his speech at the annual general meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co. Ltd., to-day by the Chairman, Mr. S. H. Dodwell, to the fact that the company now boasts an entirely tuberculosis-free herd, so that the supplies of milk provided by the company attain to the very highest hygienic standards.

The Chairman also referred to the scheme for the supply of milk for school children, which he hoped would be adopted by a larger number of schools than were at present benefiting by the arrangement.

Mr. S. H. Dodwell was in the further \$10,000 has been placed Chair and was supported by Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, and Mr. R. E. Coxon (Directors), Mr. A. Stevenson (General Manager) and Mr. J. D. Thomson (Secretary).

Among the shareholders present were Messrs. Frank Austen, S. T. Williamson, A. D. Wyllie, D. McFerran, G. Milne-S. Hampden-Ross, Chan Nai-pan and Jan Con-sang.

In his review of the year the Chairman said:—

"When addressing you from the Chair last year, my predecessor, in referring to the future, sounded a note of warning when he predicted that 'difficult times and more competitive conditions would have to be faced.'

"There is, I am glad to say, little evidence of either of these conditions in the accounts before you to-day, but that does not mean that they did not both exist. The most stringent economy has been exercised in the operation of all departments, without which results could not have been so favourable. I desire, on behalf of the Board, to express our appreciation of the loyal manner in which the staff accepted the measures which the Board deemed necessary to meet the situation, and I am sure that shareholders will thoroughly approve of a 5 per cent. Bonus which the Board have granted and for which provision has already been made, as well as join with me in congratulating Mr. Stevenson and the whole staff on the result achieved in an undoubtedly difficult year."

"As to the future, some aspects of the present world situation might justify me in reiterating the warning of my predecessor in this chair, but fortunately there are phases of it which are more encouraging than they were last year, notably the promise of more stability in our exchange at a level which experience has, I think, proved to be more suitable in the long run than a high one for trade in this part of the world. I shall therefore merely give you the assurance that economy combined with efficiency will continue to be our watchword in our double task of protecting the interests of our shareholders and of giving a service second to none to the public of the Colony."

Accounts Analysed

"Turning to the Accounts the profit on Working Account amounts to \$675,891.56, which is only \$4,757.37 less than in 1934.

As will be seen, Depreciation on Fixed Assets has absorbed the sum of \$156,196.96, some \$10,000 more than was applied last year. In our case, when we hark back to the early days of the Com-

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. Charles Percy Archer, salesman, of No. 792, Wong Nei Cheong Road, and Miss Valentina Maria Castillo, of No.

With the market value at December 31 last. Although still in credit to the extent of \$4,495.47 a

'5a, Wong Nei Cheong Road.

"MUI TSAI" COMMISSION

Decision Made By Secretary For Colonies.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has decided to appoint a commission to visit Hong Kong and Malaya to investigate the whole question of *mui tsai* in those territories and any surviving practices of transferring women and children for valuable consideration, whether on marriage or adoption or in any other circumstances, and to report to the Secretary of State on any legislative or other action which they may consider practicable and desirable in relation to these matters.

The Commission will comprise:

Chairman: Sir Wilfrid Wentworth Woods, K.C.M.G., late Financial Secretary to the Government of Ceylon.

Members: Miss Edith Pitton-Turville, O.B.E., Member of Parliament from 1929 to 1931; and Mr. Charles Armine Willis, C.B.E., late of the Sudan Civil Service.

The date of the Commission's arrival is not yet known.

pany and call to mind the stupendous difficulties with which our predecessors had to contend, it is a dream that I venture to think few of them thought would ever come true, and I sometimes wonder whether, notwithstanding our efforts to advertise widely the fact, the public really appreciate that it has come true.

Considerable Cost

"The cost of achieving our object has been considerable since it has meant the strictest application of veterinary practice and continuous withdrawals of animals from the Herd, but I am

sure that Shareholders will consider that the end has justified the means.

An adequate supply of pure fresh milk is undoubtedly essential to the welfare of the Colony.

In his parting address, Dr. Gibson, who retired in May last after having completed 38 years' service in the Alice

Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, used these words: 'I do not know how people can read week after

week, of 50 deaths from tuberculosis and not do more to cope with the dread disease.'

Gentlemen, I think that the Dairy Farm can claim to have played their part in this respect in a manner deserving well of the Colony, for although the use of TB-free milk may not cure tuberculosis, it undoubtedly removes the risk of infection, and by reason of its nutritive virtues, undoubtedly also reduces the risk of infection from other sources.

"When we consider that there are probably not more than six herds of cattle of a similar size in the world that come under the classification of 'TB-free,' the fact that we can claim this highest

of all standard for ours constitutes a real advance in the pure food movement.

"Although 'visiting cards' to

view the Farm for the purpose of inspecting the Herd, the Dairy

and Ice Cream Factory are to be had for the asking very few avail themselves of the opportunity.

This is regretted. I assure you

the Farm is well worth a visit

and I trust that more people will avail themselves of the opportunity in future.

Provident Fund

"I would next draw your attention to the Employees' Provident Fund. You will note that the sum of \$76,568.03 appears on both sides of the Balance Sheet and that in both cases the above sum has been short-ruled to indicate

that it does not form part of the Company's Assets or Liabilities.

This entry has been made solely for the purpose of showing shareholders that the Staff do enjoy

privileges of a Provident Fund,

and represents the cash position

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MRS. MORROW IN COLONY

MOTHER OF ANNE LINDBERGH

INTERVIEWS REFUSED

Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, mother of Mrs. Anne Lindbergh, accompanied by Miss Morrow and Mr. A. Morgan, arrived in the Colony this morning by the s.s. *Naldera*, and are at present residing in room No. 609, Gloucester Hotel.

Mrs. Morrow refused to interview press representatives and also gave instructions to the management of the Hotel not to allow any pressmen to see her.

Mr. Morgan, when interviewed by the *China Mail* this morning, stated that Mrs. Morrow is on a vacation and will probably be leaving the Colony in a week or two.

"It's no use," he added, "to try and come again as Mrs. Morrow will not see pressmen and has maintained this attitude throughout her voyage to Hong Kong."

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Dr. D. J. Valentine will give the next lecture on First Aid at St. John Ambulance Headquarters to-morrow at 5.30 p.m.

The R.M.S. Empress of Britain

is due in Hong Kong to-morrow

morning at about 8 o'clock, on

her fifth world-cruise.

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To-day's Short Story.

DANCE OF YESHA

By Grace Keon

YESHA, the maid, sang above her loom, and her voice was like the nightingale in the rose gardens of the Sultan. She was weaving her dower, her heart a flame of happiness. Beautiful and true were the thoughts of Yesha, beautiful and true the work of her fingers.

The Sultan yawned. A look of consternation spread across the faces of his ministers. A look of fear shot into the eyes of his courtiers. A look of dread might be observed in the furtive glances of the bronze-hued eunuchs. It was so unexpected. He had been watching the dancers swaying to the clash of cymbals, the thrilling pipe of flutes. His gaze had followed them with absorbed attention, for the dance was new. And then—

The Sultan yawned. Horrible catastrophe! Moved by one terror, dancers and slaves dropped to the ground. Trembling they fell, faces covered. Trembling, the ministers and courtiers stood.

Silence. Absolute. Terrifying. It lasted just one minute—but that minute meant life or death. Then a shriek clove the air—a shriek from the mouth of the Sultan. His eyes glared, his hands quivered.

"Away! Away! All of you! Where is Osmanli? Osmanli, come!"

A shuddering breath of relief burst from the human creatures prostrated before him. They left his presence swiftly, silently, saluting, rejoicing that he had not annihilated them. All went—the dancers, the courtiers, the ministers—and eunuchs pulled close and tight the cloth-of-gold draperies; for when Osmanli the prophet talked with the Sultan none might see or hear.

And, then, silently, the draperies parted and fell again as silently and there stood a tall figure.

The man came to the foot of the ruby throne. A prophet, indeed! White-haired, dark-skinned, with piercing eyes that flamed and burned and saw... and saw...

"Osmanli, I ask thee, has the doom come upon me?"

The prophet stooped, crossing his hands, saying no word.

"Thou knowest the prediction of Jazur, that evil swineherd: 'Ere thou yawnest thrice, monster, thou shalt die!' Al-al! Osmanli! I have yawned the second time. So my doom is upon me!"

A craven and a coward sat on the throne of kings. He kept no pretences with Osmanli. When Osmanli's eyes met his soul merged. He could conceal naught. Those eyes...

Gaze met gaze. Osmanli regarded him intently. The tapers burned low, the incense smoked.

"My lord, I see!" said the prophet, in a low tone. "Drop not thy gaze until I finish all. Within thine eyes a woman stands. Quiver not a lash or I lose the tale. Ah-h! 'Tis she! Yesha, daughter of Mahmoud!"

His voice ceased, he breathed heavily, while the Sultan's hands were clenched in agony.

"Send for her," said Osmanli, regaining his composure. "She hath surpassing gifts. I know of them. She hath in her hands... thy destiny."

The Sultan had tested the prophet Osmanli, who had carried him in his arms when he was a boy. He trusted him. Now he clapped his palms together sharply and one of the bronzed statues behind the cloth-of-gold came to life.

"I would have here at once the daughter of Mahmoud. Yesha, her name. Call her, and see that she is brought to my presence."

Osmanli nodded then, and added a few low-spoken words. The eunuch withdrew.

"He said it, the dog!" fumed the Sultan. "Jazur! I cannot forget! The third time, he said Alah, what is this? And how can a dancing girl bear a charm for me? But thou hast said it, Osmanli! I trust thee! I shall reward thee and her. I shall cover her with jewels! I shall..."

The moments went by... slowly... slowly... and the Sultan became more anxious, more nervous, closer to the breaking-point.

Promised a eunuch came. The Sultan sat up, staring eagerly. Behind the slave stood a slender figure. It moved slowly toward the

ROSY PROSPECTS IN ENGLAND

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In so far as these vast sums are paid in return for human services and not for the consumption of actual real wealth, their effect is good. The greater the velocity of money, the more widely spread the prosperity.

First Secret

It has been rightly said that the first secret of our present boom is that in 1931 we protected our home market and went off gold. Going off gold was like imposing a kind of inverted protection.

True as that is, it is equally true that we have not yet exhausted the benefits we derived. The first benefits actually inaugurated secondary benefits, which in turn set new wheels of wages and spending turning.

With more and more people in employment, with wage scales rising again—as the scale of the miners has risen—that huge increase in retail trade that has characterised the past fourteen months must not only continue but increase in ratio.

Industrial profits over 1935 were anything around 33 1/3 per cent. higher than in 1934. Those results are now beginning to be declared, and the dividends paid.

Here is a new stream of money coming into circulation to give us all still more employment, more orders.

Chancellor's Toll

On those increased profits the Chancellor will take his toll. Without increasing the tax rate he will get a higher yield. It will help to pay for the reconstruction and armament expenditure.

There is yet another thing to be weighed.

For five years foreign lending has not been allowed. There has piled up in this country a large reservoir of thrift.

Building societies, savings banks, fixed trusts have all felt the benefit.

From that reservoir will pour streams of money to capitalise new enterprises or to buy old ones.

Given a measure of sense in the world's statesmen to keep us from outside disturbances, we may look forward to an era of prosperity beside which the good times of the past will seem moderate indeed.

Courage And Confidence

The lessons of 1928, our last boom year, have been well learnt. Banks and business institutions have discovered means of preventing wild follies. Our new era of recovery is far more solidly based than has been any other such period of emergence from depression.

Let us, as a trading nation, cease from confusing caution with timidity, and let us with firm courage take from the economic circumstances of our time all the betterments that are offered.

Let us spend with confidence and invest with courage in those things which deserve our trust

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

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Chicago market will open at 9:30 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. New York Time, and close at 1:15 p.m. instead of 2:15 p.m. On Saturday, the market will close at noon. Total sales: 8,597,000 bushels.

Bubbles: Lower February consumption is having a temporary effect on the market. The strike situation is steadily improving and we favour purchases. Total sales: 102 lots.

Flash: Average daily production of petroleum during the past week is estimated at 2308,000 barrels, compared with 2783,000 barrels the previous week.

The Edison Electric Institute estimates electricity production for the past week at 1,901,000,000 kwh., an increase of 10 per cent from the corresponding period of last year.

fore the prophet, whom he dreaded more than the Sultan himself.

The Sultan, however, had his wife.

He never yawned again.

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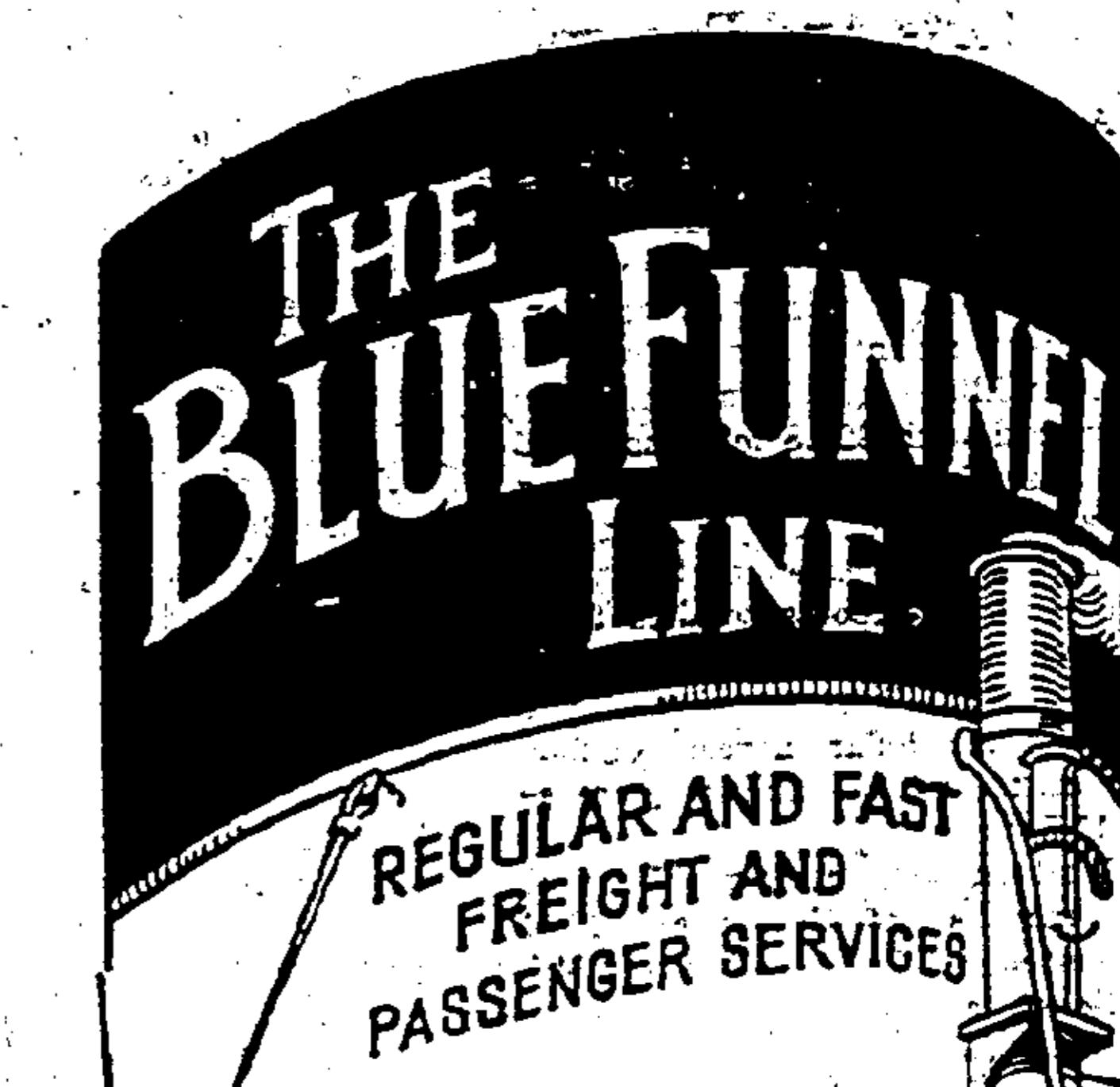
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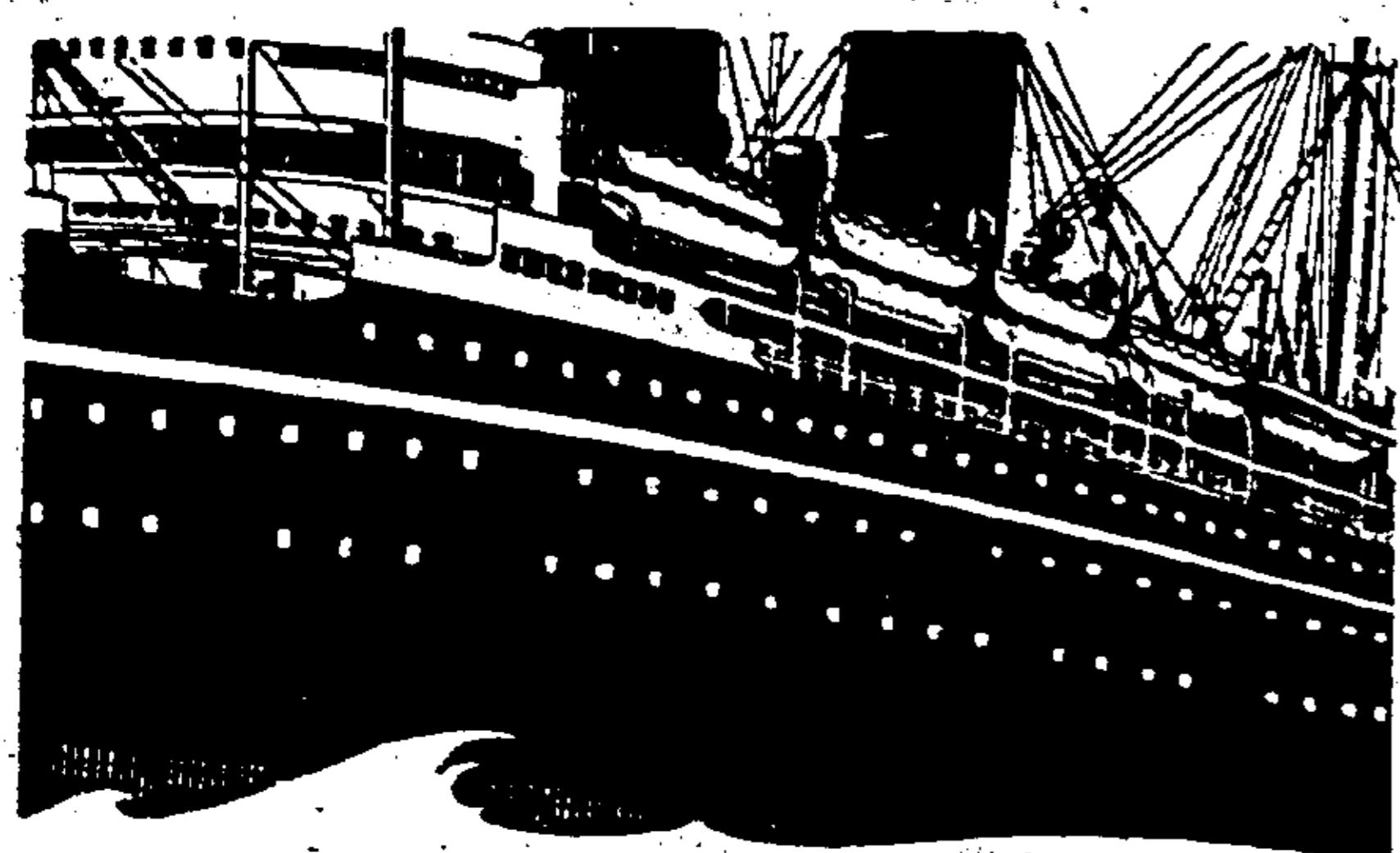
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+ BANGALORE	6,000	25th Apr.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
CARTHAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles & London
RAJPUTANA	17,000	15th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
+ BHUTAN	6,000	23rd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
* BEHAR	6,000	6th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
RANIPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
+ SUDAN	7,000	20th June	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RANCHI	17,000	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London
NALDEA	16,000	8th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KAISER-I-HIND	11,000	22nd Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
RAJPUTANA	17,000	5th Sept.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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TANDA	7,000	5th June	Melbourne & Hobart

SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

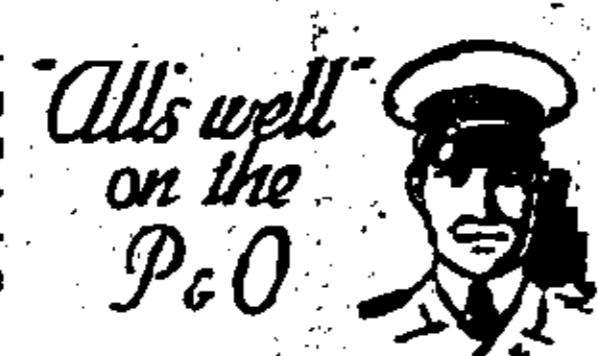
SIRDHANA	8,000	29th Mar.	Amoy, Shanghai & Japan
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WILD CATS FINE FINISH

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won the race in a canter. It was a treat to see him making up lost ground, only to lose the race within 50 yards of the winning post as a result of interference from Macaroni (Mr. Fung). A protest was lodged, and the Stewards quite rightly disqualified Macaroni, giving the race to Mistake Bay, with King's Justice second, and Sadko third.

Tinsmith, ably ridden by Mr. Pih, won the Randwick Plate for Australian ponies over a mile. Mr. Proulx had the mount on Zodiac, and was made favourite, but the installation comprising six rooms in October last of a Cold Storage

was opened in the premises of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. This

installation was built primarily

for the purpose of providing facil-

ties for the storage of tranship-

ment cargo within easy access of

the main wharves at Kowloon.

Punters must be getting tired of

backing this pony, and I suppose

he will probably win a race when

least expected. In this race Honey

(Mr. Deitz) showed a fine turn of

speed, and will bear watching in

shorter events.

Mr. Roza's Bad Luck

In the Tytan Handicap ("A" Division), the first leg of the "Double Double," Rose Evelyn (Mr. Deitz) was made favourite, in spite of her heavy burden and it was to the credit of her jockey that she was only beaten by a head after conceding an advantage

of 10 lbs. to Wild Cat. In May last the Soda Fountain

unit was transferred from our

Branch in the St. Francis Hotel

to the Hong Kong Hotel, where it is operated by us for the

Hotel Company.

"We are also operating the Soda

Fountain at the Lido and feel cer-

tain that this will prove a satis-

factory venture.

"With a view to safeguarding

our ice business the sale and ren-

tal of modern American ice refrigera-

tors was started in June last

and I am pleased to say that the

department did very well last

year. We hope to improve upon

our ice delivery service this year

and two or three plans relative to

the sale of ice refrigeration are

under consideration.

Mills For Children

"In April last a scheme for the supply of milk to children at school was introduced and although the support was gratifying we are hopeful that there

will be an increased demand this

year and that a few more schools

will show interest in the scheme.

"As you know, an Interim Divi-

dend of 50 cents per share was de-

clared in October last. At that

time we had a surplus of funds

which it was difficult to employ to

advantage, and knowing that an

Interim Dividend would be appre-

ciated, your Directors decided

upon payment of 50 cents per

share. I believe that this step

had your full approval.

"The balance of Profit and Loss

Account for the year amounts to

\$1,432,972.30 and the balance for

appropriation to-day, including

the sum of \$30,601.08 carried for

ward from 1934 and less the

amount absorbed by Interim Di-

vidend, i.e., \$125,715.00, amount

to \$387,858.38, which your Direc-

tors recommend be dealt with as

follows:—

Pay a final Dividend of

\$1.00 per share, ab-

sorbing ... \$251,430.00

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GRAND NATIONALFinal Acceptances
For March 27

London, To-day. The final acceptors for the Grand National, to be run at Aintree on March 27, are as follows:

Golden Miller (6 to 1, t and o), Reynolds Town (100 to 15, t and o), Avenger (100 to 9, t and o), Royal Ransom (28 to 1, t and o), Double Crossed, Castle Irwell (100 to 6 o, 18 to 1 t), Delaneige, Bagatelle II, Brienz, Oculi de Boef, Blue Prince, Persian Sun, Bachelor Prince, Buckthorn, Inversible, Provocative, The Boy in Blue, Hillsbrook, Kito, Ero, Lazy Jones, Uncle Batt, Lazy Boots, Moonland View, Rathfirlane, Emancipator (33 to 1 o, 35 to 1 t), Penrak, Castle View, Deyn Court, Crown Prince, Comedian, Rodand Gun, Keen Blade (20 to 1 o, 22 to 1 t), Evasion, Lynton, Zag and Blaze.—Reuter.

TWO RIFLEMEN CHARGED

Alleged Unlawful Damage

Rifeman G. E. Ross was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistrate with unlawfully damaging a window-pane at No. 157 Johnston Road and with assaulting L. Kau on Tuesday, while Rifeman A. McCarroll was charged with unlawfully damaging a window-pane of tramcar No. 31 in Johnson Road and with assaulting P. C. D181 while in the execution of his duty on the same day.

Both defendants, who said that they did not remember the incidents, were remanded till the afternoon. Lieut. I. C. Harris, of the Royal Ulster Rifles, was present in Court.

WORK RELIEF IN AMERICA

(Continued from Page 1)

anti-trust laws must and shall be vigorously enforced, there is nothing therein or in any other laws which should prohibit private business from working together to increase production and employment. Such efforts would indeed be directly opposite to a conspiracy for the restraint of trade."

President Roosevelt's message stated that there were about 5,300,000 families and unmarried persons in need of some public assistance, of whom 3,800,000 were on the works' programme, and 1,500,000 on the local and State relief rolls.—Reuter.

SANCTIONS UNLIKELY

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cellor said, "He who is weak among the nations is more popular than he who is strong. In this conflict I might have said that we should ignore the alliance between France and Russia, but then the danger would have threatened the nation later, perhaps only in another generation.

"In signing the Locarno Pact, Germany renounced its military sovereignty over a territory containing almost a quarter of the whole German people, but even this did not prevent one Power from suddenly entering upon a new military alliance that upset the European equilibrium and completely changed the position of the honest partner to the Locarno Treaty.

"I believe that it will be clear to the other statesmen and peoples that a nation as unified as the German nation is to-day cannot be treated any longer in the way that it has for the last 15 years.

"The rest of the world must also recognise that the Treaty of Versailles is not only defunct because another regime is in power, but because it has to do with quite another people, a people of 68 millions, that offer the hand of reconciliation."—Trans-Ocean Service.

PROTEST BY ITALY

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Further large number of Abyssinian military leaders are said to have made their submission, among them being the former Governor of Amhara. Otherwise nothing of importance occurred on either front.—Trans-Ocean Service.

HOME RUGBY

Bristol And Bridgend Successful

London, To-day. Two Rugby Union matches were played yesterday, resulting in Clifton losing at home to Bristol by 13 points to nil, while Bridgend, playing at home, beat Neath by 11 points to 5.

The match between the Royal Air Force and the Civil Service, at Halton, was not played.—Reuter.

TAIKOO BEAT EWO AT FOOTBALL

J. Hutchinson Scores Two Goals

Jardine's (Ewo) met with their first defeat in the inter-Hong series of friendly soccer games, when they succumbed to Butterfield and Swire's (Taikoo) by the odd goal in three yesterday on the Club ground.

In a very fast game Taikoo took the lead through J. Hutchinson, who increased their lead soon after with another snap goal. Jardine's retaliated and managed to score their only goal through Hopkins.

EXPENDITURE FROM NATIONAL FUNDS

Present Total Shows Big Increase

London, To-day. Liverpool secured two valuable home points yesterday when they beat Leeds by the odd goal in three in the First Division of the English Football League.

Yesterday's results, as cabled by Reuter, were as follows:

FIRST DIVISION

Liverpool 2, Leeds 1

THIRD DIVISION (South)

Cardiff 1, Brighton 0

Reading 2, Exeter 0

THIRD DIVISION (North)

York 0, Southport 0

Lincoln 1, Hartlepools 0

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Rangers 3, Hibernian 0

RELAXATION OF TENSION

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MINISTERS MEET

Later: After the meeting of the Locarno Powers Mr. Anthony Eden, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald (Lord President of the Council), Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Chancellor of the Exchequer) and Lord Halifax (Lord Privy Seal) remained for an hour at the Foreign Office and examined the various texts, the main points of which, it is hoped, will be embodied in one draft so that agreement may be reached to-day.

It is suggested that the League Council may be interrupted to allow a Locarno meeting before 1 p.m., when M. Flandin will fly to Paris. If, as hoped, the final agreement is reached this morning, it will be submitted to the British and French Cabinets for approval.—Reuter.